SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

On page 1, after line 2, insert

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/735,936, filed December 14, 2000.

Please amend the paragraph on page 25, lines 9-22 as follows.

A gel of the basic water-absorbent resin (or the acidic water-absorbent resin), of which the amount corresponded to 0.2 g in terms of solid content, was weighed out with the accuracy of 0.0001 g, and then added into a bag (60 mm x 60 mm) made by nonwoven fabric, then immersed in 100 g of pure water. The bag was pulled up after 24 hours, and the amount (Wc [[g]]) of the bag was measured after removing water by use of a centrifugal separator (250 G, 3 minutes). In addition, the same procedure is carried out without using the basic water-absorbent resin (or the acidic water-absorbent resin), and then the amount (Wd [[g]]) of the bag was measured. The water absorption capacity (g/g) of the basic water-absorbent resin (or the acidic water-absorbent resin) was calculated from these weights Wc and Wd, and the following equation:

Water absorption capacity (g/g)

= (Wc - Wd) /0.2-1 --